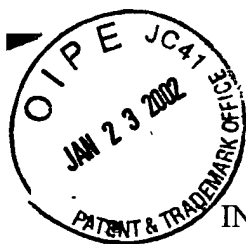


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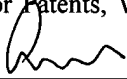
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This communication is in response to the office action dated June 19, 2001. A three month extension of time is requested herewith.

Claims 25-60 are pending, of which claims 25-34 are currently under consideration. Claims 35-60 have been withdrawn from consideration under a restriction requirement. No claims are added, cancelled, or amended. No new subject matter is introduced.

1. Rejection of claims 25-31 and 33-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

The Examiner has indicated that claims 25-31 and 33-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by WO 92/05793 ("Medarex"). Applicants acknowledge that claim 32 has not been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b). It is requested that the Examiner withdraw his rejection in view of the following remarks.

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